

AHCE EXECUTIVE MEETING

20TH JANUARY 2009

PRESENT: Derek Greene, AHCE Chair / National Rehabilitation Hospital.
Gerard O'Callaghan, AHCE Hon.Treasurer / South Infirmary Victoria Hosp.
Ethel McKenna, AHCE Honorary Secretary / St. Francis Hospice.
Liam Duffy, Beaumont Hospital
Tim Kennelly, St. John's Hospital.
Aidan Gleeson, Cappagh National Orthopaedic Hospital.
Graham Knowles, Royal Hospital Donnybrook.
Michael Lenihan, National Maternity Hospital.
Ann Broekhoven, St. Luke's Hospital

APOLOGIES: Aida Whyte, Royal Victoria Eye & Ear Hospital.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD ON 2ND DECEMBER 2008

The Executive agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd December 2008.

FUTURE ROLE OF AHCE – ACTION PLAN, AS PRESENTED BY CAROLINE O'REGAN

It was agreed that a letter should issue to Prof. Brendan Drumm from the AHCE to seek an early meeting with him to discuss how our Association and our Hospitals might work closely with the HSE, as we collectively head into difficult financial times ahead. Derek will draft a letter and circulate to the Executive Committee.

FORMATION OF SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

DATHS	:	Liam Duffy
Palliative Care	:	Ethel McKenna
Maternity	:	Pauline Treanor
Paediatrics	:	Lorcan Birthistle and Paul Cunniffe
Acutes - Outside Dublin	:	Ger O'Callaghan
Single Specialities	:	Ann Broekhoven

Leads should present monthly reports on implementation groups and circulate quarterly reports to the wider membership through Angela. At a minimum, the leads should arrange for teleconference calls on a monthly basis.

H.R. Group	:	Derek Greene
HR & DATHS	:	Liam Duffy

Derek will talk to his own Financial Controller on the group. It is understood that the Financial Controllers Group have not met in recent times, but may need to in the current financial climate.

AHCE Executive to meet with the Chairs of each of the H.R. and Financial Controller groups. Terms of Reference for the groups should be approved by the AHCE.

STATEMENT OF INTENT

Any changes to the constitution would have to be approved by the wider AHCE. AHCE Executive has an advocacy role. When agreed on changes, suggested that CEOs should bring a copy of the Constitution to their Hospital Boards.

The Objects of the Association were noted and discussed. No.3 amended to read 'to protect the interests of members'. No.4 deleted 'to assist in movements for the betterment of conditions'.

Executive Members to revert with any additional proposed changes over the next couple of weeks. Constitution document to be scanned and circulated to AHCE Executive by Angela.

SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT

Service Level Agreement not signed off by any Hospitals to date. The final document is still awaited.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2009

CEOs to indicate their availability for either Thursday, 14th or 21st May 2009. Angela will forward e-mail to all Members.

NEXT MEETING OF AHCE EXECUTIVE

Date to be confirmed.

**ETHEL MCKENNA,
AHCE HONORARY SECRETARY.**